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The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. FONFARA, J. of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL REPORT OF LOADS AND RESOURCES BIENNIALY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-50r of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) Every person engaged in electric transmission services, as
5 defined in section 16-1, electric generation services, as defined in said
6 section, or electric distribution services, as defined in said section
7 generating electric power in the state utilizing a generating facility
8 with a capacity greater than one megawatt, shall, [annually,] on or
9 before March [first] 1, 2010, and biennially thereafter, file a report on a
10 forecast of loads and resources, [which may consist of an update of the
11 previous year's report with the council for its review.] The report shall
12 cover the ten-year forecast period beginning with the year of the
13 report. Upon request, the report shall be made available to the public.

14 The report shall include, as applicable: (1) A tabulation of estimated
15 peak loads, resources and margins for each year; (2) data on energy
16 use and peak loads for the five preceding calendar years; (3) a list of
17 existing generating facilities in service; (4) a list of scheduled
18 generating facilities for which property has been acquired, for which
19 certificates have been issued and for which certificate applications
20 have been filed; (5) a list of planned generating units at plant locations
21 for which property has been acquired, or at plant locations not yet
22 acquired, that will be needed to provide estimated additional electrical
23 requirements, and the location of such facilities; (6) a list of planned
24 transmission lines on which proposed route reviews are being
25 undertaken or for which certificate applications have already been
26 filed; (7) a description of the steps taken to upgrade existing facilities
27 and to eliminate overhead transmission and distribution lines in
28 accordance with the regulations and standards described in section 16-
29 50t; and (8) for each private power producer having a facility
30 generating more than one megawatt and from whom the person
31 furnishing the report has purchased electricity during the preceding
32 calendar year, a statement including the name, location, size and type
33 of generating facility, the fuel consumed by the facility and the by-
34 product of the consumption. Confidential, proprietary or trade secret
35 information provided under this section may be submitted under a
36 duly granted protective order. The council may adopt regulations, in
37 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, that specify the expected
38 filing requirements for persons that transmit electric power in the state,
39 electric distribution companies, and persons that generate electric
40 power in the state utilizing a generating facility with a capacity of
41 greater than one megawatt. Until such regulations are adopted,
42 persons that transmit electric power in the state shall file reports
43 pursuant to this section that include the information requested in
44 subdivisions (6) and (7) of this subsection; electric distribution
45 companies in the state shall file reports pursuant to this section that
46 include the information requested in subdivisions (1), (2), (7) and (8) of
47 this subsection; persons that generate electric power in the state
48 utilizing a generating facility with a capacity greater than one

49 megawatt shall file reports pursuant to this section that include the
50 information requested in subdivisions (3), (4), (5) and (8) of this
51 subsection. The council shall hold a public hearing on such filed
52 forecast reports annually. The council shall conduct a review in an
53 executive session of any confidential, proprietary or trade secret
54 information submitted under a protective order during such a hearing.
55 At least one session of such hearing shall be held after six-thirty p.m.
56 Upon reviewing such forecast reports, the council may issue its own
57 report assessing the overall status of loads and resources in the state. If
58 the council issues such a report, it shall be made available to the public
59 and shall be furnished to each member of the joint standing committee
60 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
61 energy and technology, any other member of the General Assembly
62 making a written request to the council for the report and such other
63 state and municipal bodies as the council may designate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16-50r(a)
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ET *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Siting Council, CT	CC&PUCF - Savings	None	\$20,000-\$25,000

Note: CC&PUCF=Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the CT Siting Council to issue a forecast report regarding electric loads and resources every two years. The Council currently issues this report every year; producing this report every other year will result in a savings of \$20,000-\$25,000 once every other year, beginning in FY 11.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

Source: 2/23/09 Public Hearing Testimony

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 775*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF THE
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL REPORT OF LOADS AND
RESOURCES BIENNIALY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires companies in the electric industry to file a report with the Connecticut Siting Council regarding loads and resources (demand and supply) by March 1 of every even-numbered year, rather than each year. By law, the filing requirement applies to companies that provide transmission and distribution services, as well as electric generators with plants that have a capacity of more than one megawatt (power plants typically have a capacity of 500 to 1,000 megawatts). The law, unchanged by the bill, requires the Siting Council to hold a hearing annually on these reports.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Loads and Resources Report***

By law, the report from the companies must include as applicable:

1. a tabulation of estimated peak loads, resources, and margins for each year;
2. data on energy use and peak loads for the five preceding calendar years;
3. a list of existing generating facilities in service;
4. a list of scheduled generating facilities for which property has been acquired, for which Siting Council certificates have been issued and for which certificate applications have been filed;

5. a list of planned generating units at plant locations for which property has been acquired, or at plant locations not yet acquired, that will be needed to provide estimated additional electrical requirements, and the location of these plants;
6. a list of planned transmission lines on which proposed route reviews are being undertaken or for which certificate applications have already been filed;
7. a description of the steps taken to upgrade existing facilities and to eliminate overhead transmission and distribution lines under current law; and
8. certain information about plants owned by nonutility generators from whom the company has purchased power.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (02/26/2009)